

COUNTRY Eastern Germany REPORTTOPIC Arrival in Naumburg of Troops and General Information from Naumburg

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1. During the period from 21 to 30 September 1952, the barracks installations in Naumburg post (M 52/J 89) were occupied by rear details only. The German draftsmen had completed reconditioning work on the installations by 30 September. On 26 September, troops, mostly wearing red-bordered black epaulets but some with black-bordered crimson epaulets, billeting equipment, sedan [redacted] trucks and jeeps [redacted] were unloaded from 2 flatcars with sideracks and 4 boxcars at the Ostbahnhof. [redacted] the unit, which subsequently went to the Hindenburg Kaserne on Schenburger Strasse, was an advance detail. *

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2. On 1 October, at 11 a.m., a train with 20 officers, 300 to 400 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia, 4 x 85-mm AA guns, 4 x 37-mm AA guns and 46 trucks [redacted]

[redacted] stood at the Ostbahnhof. The train was unloaded by 4 p.m., and the troops marched to the Bismarck Kaserne on Weissdieser Strasse. Another train unloaded there between 6:30 p.m. until 12 a.m. included 30 to 40 officers, about 500 EM most of whom wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia but some wore motor transport insignia, 20 uniformed men wearing red-bordered black epaulets, 12 x 85-mm AA guns, 4 x 37-mm AA guns and 31 trucks [redacted]

The troops subsequently marched to the Bismarck Kaserne. The fence previously separating the Bismarck Kaserne from the former Heereszeugamt was removed. Motor vehicles and ammunition of the unit were stored there. ** All quarters were lighted in the evening of 2 October. During the period from 21 to 30 September, billeting equipment, motor vehicle spare parts, boxes and lumber from the Bismarck Kaserne was piled up at the Ostbahnhof. The materiel was brought to the station on seven trucks [redacted]

[redacted] with soldiers wearing black-bordered black epaulets and red-bordered black epaulets, 2 lieutenant colonels and 1 major who arrived in jeep [redacted] On 2 October, this materiel, billeting equipment, ammunition, motor vehicle spare parts and other materiel which was brought from Bad Koesen on trucks [redacted]

[redacted] were loaded. Three T-34/85 tanks from Bad Koesen were also loaded. One lieutenant colonel, 1 major, 5 captains, junior officers and EM wearing black-bordered black epaulets

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and red-bordered black epaulets including some with engineer, signal, motor transport insignia were seen during the loading. The trucks returned to Bad Koesen after the material had been loaded. ***

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3. At 9 a.m. on 3 October, 6 field howitzers of 122 mm, 6 x 160-mm mortars and 14 trucks

and 15 officers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia were unloaded at the Ostbahnhof. It was possible that some of the troops may have departed for the Bluecher Kaserne on Flemminger Weg. The train also carried bus jeeps, trucks with trailer, 4 workshop trucks and 5 other trucks. These vehicles

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were unloaded and moved to the Hubertus Kaserne on the northwest side of Flemminger Weg. Most of the vehicles loaded with spare parts. Another train was unloaded at 4 p.m. It carried 300 to 400 troops wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets and 30 uniformed women wearing the same epaulets. 6 sedans

jeeps, 11 trucks and 3 field kitchens. The troops left for the Hubertus Kaserne. One major, 10

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EL and 2 uniformed women, all wearing black-bordered black epaulets with signal insignia arrived on the same train and were transported to the Barbara Kaserne on Hallesche Strasse on truck. **

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- * Comment. The arrival of an advance party of the 57th Gds Mtz Rifle Div in the Hindenburg Kaserne was previously reported.

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- ** Comment. The information indicates that troops returning to their training post from the Kindel troop training grounds on 1 and 3 October included shipments of corps troops of the XXIX Gds Mtz Rifle Corps and artillery troops and infantry units of the 57th Gds Mtz Rifle Div. In detail, the following was observed: Bismarck Kaserne: 2 battalions of the 198th AAA Regt of the XXIX Gds Mtz Rifle Corps with a total of 16 x 85-mm and 8 x 57-mm AA guns. The second shipment on 1 October was previously reported.

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Bluecher Kaserne: elements of the 655th How Arty Regt of the 57th Gds Mtz Rifle Div with 8 x 122-mm field howitzers and 8 x 160-mm mortars; a workshop unit

Hubertus Kaserne: the bulk of the 170th Gds Mtz Rifle Regt of the 57th Gds Mtz Rifle Div.

Barbara Kaserne: 1 advance party of the 27th Gds Sig Bn of the XXIX Gds Mtz Rifle Corps.

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- *** Comment. The information tends to indicate that elements of the unified engineer battalion of the XXIX Gds Mtz Rifle Corps from the Bismarck Kaserne in Bad Koesen departed by rail.

the battalion changed its post rather than leaving for exercise.

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